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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR IRWIN

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, FR, XF

SUBJECT: MIDDLE EAST SITUATION

REF: (A) SECSTATE 203698

(B) SECSTATE 203684

1. JOHN W. FINNEY'S OCTOBER 14 NYTIMES ARTICLE ENTITLED "US INDICATES IT WILL SHIP JETS TO TEL AVIV" CARRIED HERE IN INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE OCTOBER 15. FINNEY REPORTS USG IS PREPARING TO SHIP JET FIGHTERS AND TANKS TO ISRAEL. RECOGNIZE THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO OFFICIAL PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT TO SUPPORT FINNEY'S STORY.

2. JOBERT DUE TO SPEAK IN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ON OCTOBER 17 ON MIDDLE EAST. IT COULD BE USEFUL FOR HIM TO HAVE REASONING SET FORTH REFTEL (B) EVEN IF OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT NOT YET MADE BY USG.

3. ACCORDINGLY, I COULD TRY TO SEE JOBERT OR GET MESSAGE TO HIM PRIOR TO DEBATE AFTERNOON OF OCTOBER 17. I WOULD REQUEST GOF TO TREAT USG INTENTIONS IN STRICTEST CONFIDENCE PRIOR TO OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT. PLEASE LET ME KNOW WHAT YOU WISH.

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